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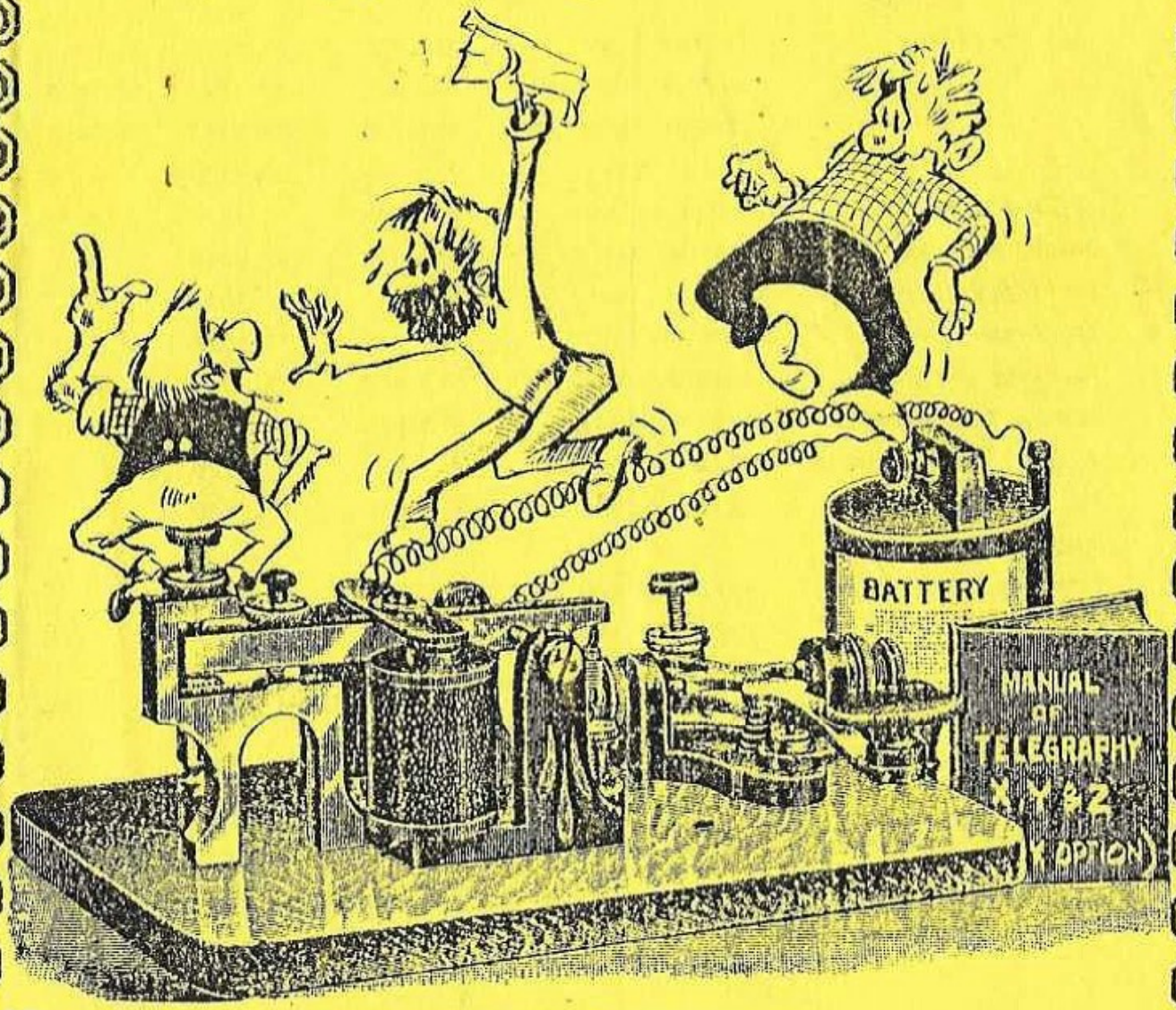

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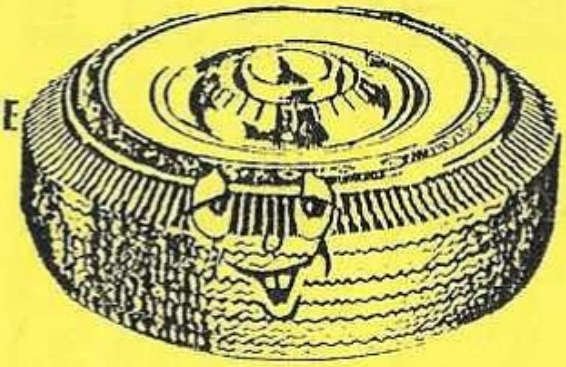

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EDITOR'S blurb*

Every once in a while you wonder whether it's all worth it. And some days you can't win,whichever horse you happen to back.

I mean,-just look at all the dust raised in response to my last editorial.- Raised hackles,name-calling,indignation all round;-was it <u>really</u> worth it? According to other club magazines on hand,the same situation persists elsewhere as well. That doesn't mean,not by a long stretch,that we ought to accept the situation and just quietly hope that it'll go away if we ignore it long enough.There is a very real danger that this club is going to the dogs,unless we can find a cure for this creeping apathy-disease and quick. Frankly,I would very much regret this.

Speaking purely for myself,Amateur Radio has been the greatest morale booster for me since I managed to be the first migrant to beat the "white Australia" policy years ago,and get away with it,hi. I owe a lot to this club and would hate to see it just fade into the sunset for want of a bit of effort.

Being a bit of a eager-beaver I did what I could,but even if <u>not</u> everybody feels as strongly as I about the situation, there ought to be enough go,ambition and just plain pride in a great hobby around to get things moving a bit better than it is now. Like most things in life worth having,you have to put IN something if you hope to get something <u>out</u> of it.

Look at any circuit in the handbook and it will show: NO INPUT....NO OUTPUT! Just paying your few bucks a year and coming to the occasional meeting is just not enough. There has to be more to it than that.

It really doesn't take THAT much time and effort,if ALL members showed just a little more ACTIVE interest and PARTICIPATION in club matters. Just a little,-it'll go a long way. If,as per usual,everything is left just to the willing few,they'll get jack of it sooner or later and then what?

I've said my piece.Frankly,I'm a bit disappointed by it all and only wish that I was a better "Persuader" than I seem to be.

Seeing that this is the last Issue for this year, maybe THE last (period),I wish to extend to all members the best of luck in 1984 and hope that you'll enjoy a safe,happy and successful festive season.

73 Henry DXC

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Minutes of General Meeting held 28th October 83.

Meeting called to order by President Murray at 8.00pm.

APOLOGIES. Henry DXC, Cliff PAF, Eric ZL, Dick VU, Ted NIZ, Stan SE, Bob BNC, Phil AQM.

VISITORS. Evonne 2nd op to XYN and Mrs Magee.

MINUTES of previous meeting as printed in news letter confirmed.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE. Lakeside Canoe Club re Red Cross-a thon.
Cliff PAF re conduct of member on Club Net.
Fred PFF Jota report.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE. G.A.R.C. re family day.
Lakeside Canoe Club re Lake-o-thon. Sebastopol Community Centre re rooms. W.I.A. Western Zone re QSL Bureau. Ballarat Astronomical Scty. re Beacon. KET, PEC, DRO, NWV, re associate membership.

QSL MANAGER Cliff reported 261 cards in and 208 out.

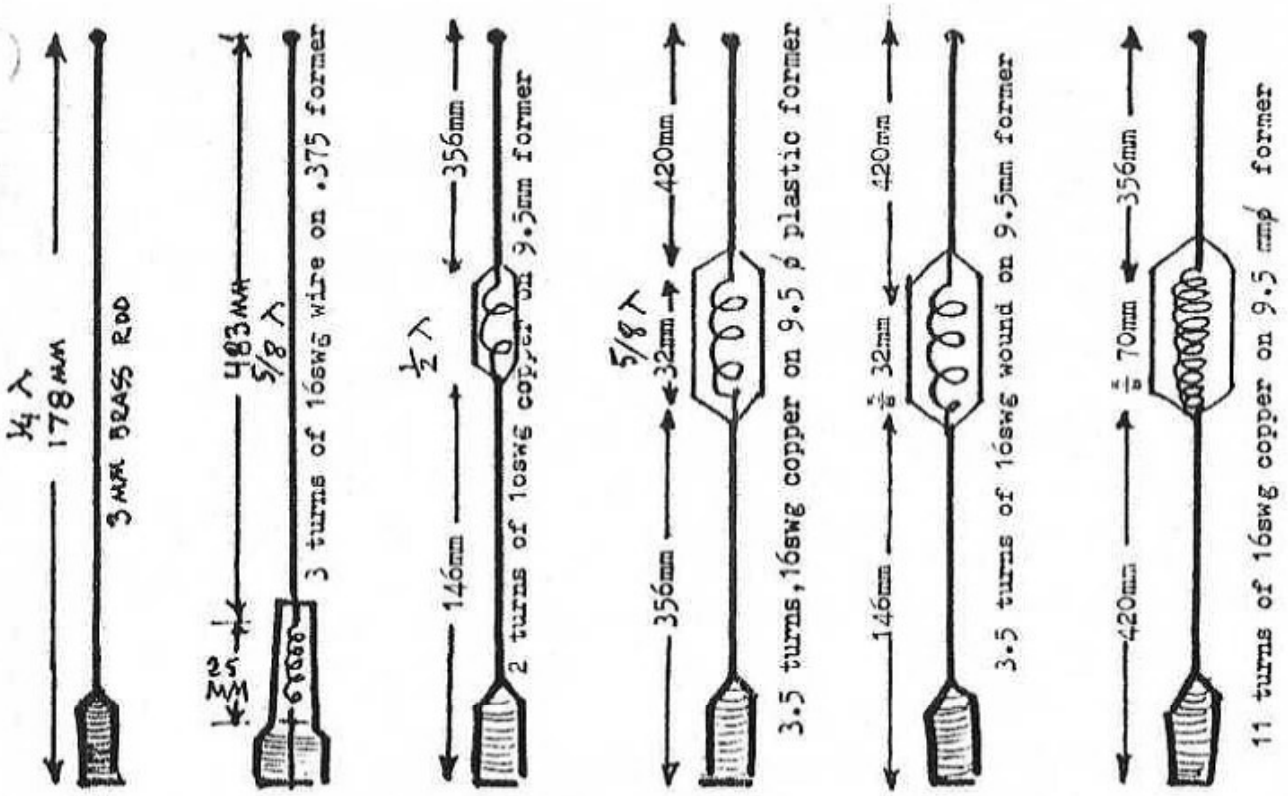
AWARDS MANAGER Maurie reported 3 Goldrush, 3 Western Zone and 1 DX Widows awards sent out.

PUBLICITY MANAGER Geoff reported that details of Club had been forwarded to Courier for inclusion in Citizens Guide, also repeater details sent to A.R.A.

PROPERTY OFFICER Dick stated that generator had been serviced and also acknowledged with thanks the donation of 6mtr beam by Ivan KY.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Dick AEX spoke on WICEN and asked interested members to contact him.
Hank, Dick, Max, Fred and Geoff offerred to run communications for Canoe Marathon on 13th Nov. at Lake Wendouree.
President Murray gave details of Xmas Family Day to be held at the Buninyong Gardens on 4th or 11th of December. G.A.R.C. have been invited and the date left to them.
News Letter Henry's comments on lack of material from members was read with concern and an effort made to supply him with material.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.



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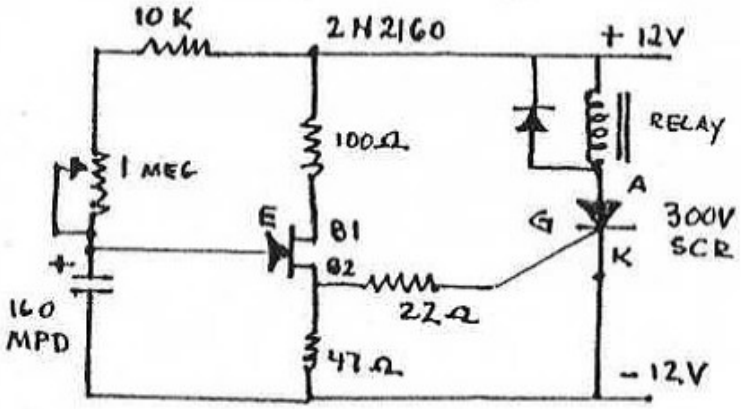

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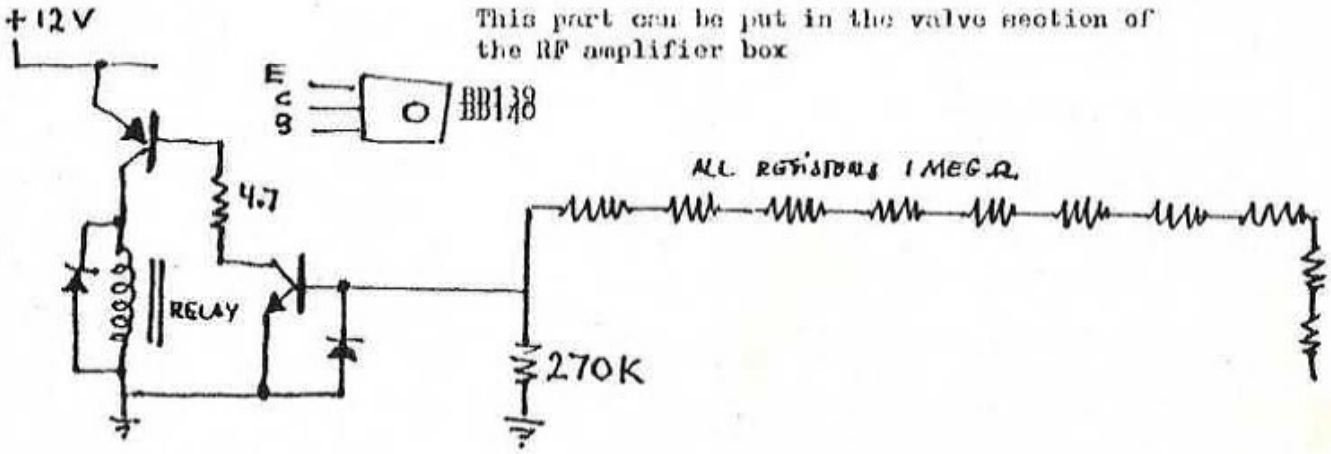

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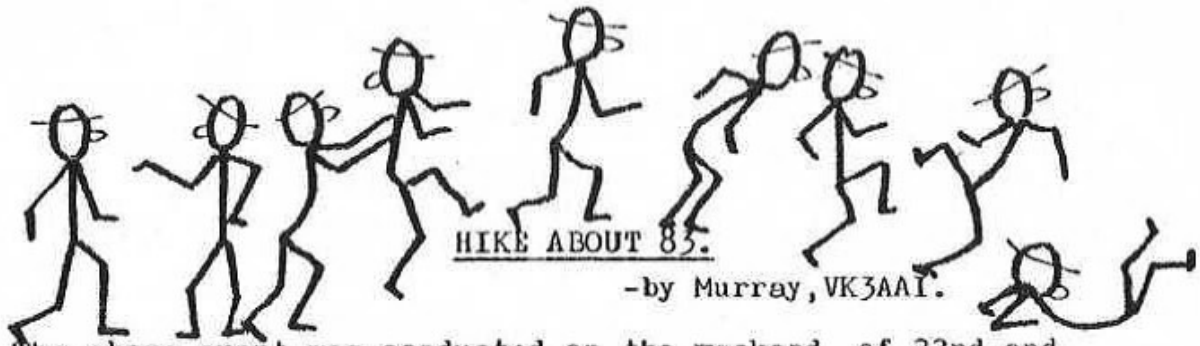

HIKE ABOUT 83.

-by Murray, VK3AAI.

The above event was conducted on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd of October, 1983. It involved between two and three hundred scouts, who walked through the State Forest between Smythesdale and Ross Creek.

During the walking, they came across various activities for them to observe, and in some cases, participate. The activities were :-

ARCHERY,

ABSAILING,

"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" -Commando activity,

T SHIRT PRINTING,

KITE FLYING,

PAPER PLANE FOLDING, AND

AMATEUR RADIO.

Three members of B.A.R.G. provided the amateur radio station. They were Dick VK3AEX, Hank VK3NIA and Murray VK3AAI. The club call VK3BML was activated for the weekend. Three H.F. rigs, as well as one 2m SSB and one 2m FM rig were used, with the club's 80 m and 20m dipoles, plus a G5RV. Also, the club's morse code oscillator and a key were provided for the boys to send their names in code. They were also provided with a message in morse code to decode.

Several overseas contacts were made-New Zealand, Japan and Russia were contacted, as well as several Australian states. Dick and Hank made it a camping weekend, but prior committments prevented me from doing same.

We all had a most enjoyable weekend and can thoroughly recommend these events to other members (including SWL's to gain on-air experience). Even one day, is a lot of fun.

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HEY! HEY! HEY!

COME TO THE MEETING ON NOV. 25TH AND WIN .... ABSOLUTELY FREE...

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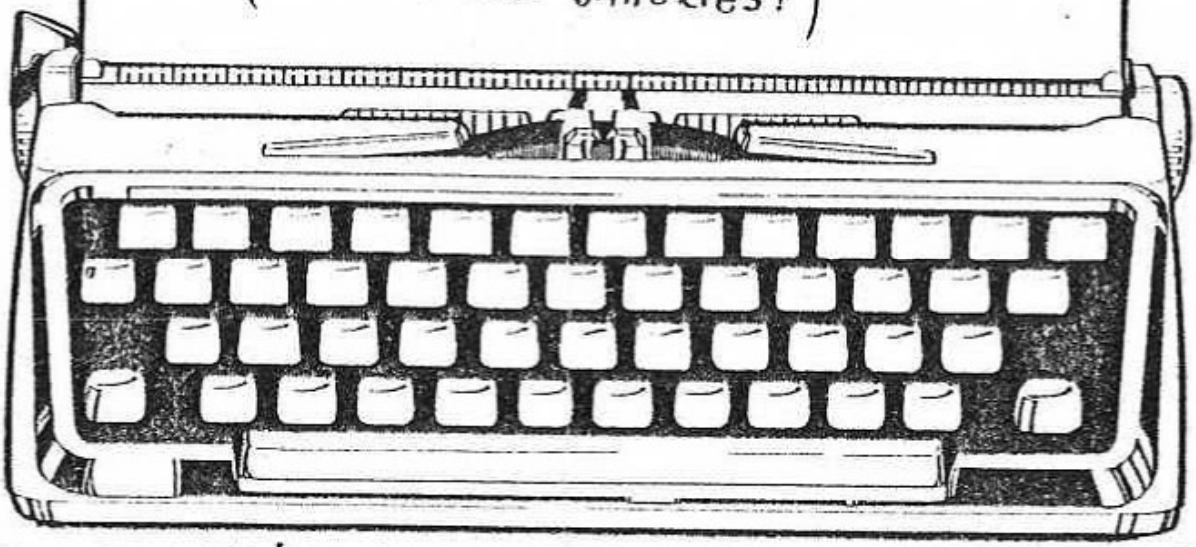

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PS. PS. PS.: MIGHT BE FLAT, TOO — SO CHECK 'EM FIRST

LOOK OUT FOR THE Ham-Vention!

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DX NOTES FROM THE LOG OF VK3-BWJ

This months' notes are swelled by the CQWW contest, bringing out some very elaborate prefixes. So, with this in mind, I once again re-built my 80 meter V-beam (...they ain't big enough if...sigh...but 4 times???)

Anyhow, after many trips up and down the 100ft tower I was back on 80 with a vengeance .....

The contest was approached with ONE aim: the contacting of a ZONE 2 station on 10 and 15 meters for the 5-band W.A.Z. Conditions on 10 indicated this might be the last opportunity for some years.(sob)

Also on the bands, in the last month or so, was BY1-PK China, coming up twice with a VE and also a group of JAs later on.

JA group heard at this QTH on 80m but, with 552,963½ JA hams.... ho hum. A cambodian station is also active, using XU1-SS

A Columbian group activated Malpello Island with HKØ-TU. Expected at the time of writing is ADØ-S / KH5K Jarvis is on all bands.

Communication under difficult conditions with John Lee A35JL on Tonga indicate, that things are going quite well with our adopted club, with some new calls on the air. They seem to prefer CW mode and are still a bit "mike-shy". There is plenty of interest being shown by another group of students,- so look out for them in future!

B A N D R E P O R T

80m

OH + LA + SM + JW5NN + VS6DO + V3FB + 3D2DB + C2IRK + DF + UA9 - T15 RW9 + LZ + HA + PJ7A + VP9AD + W + VE + KL7 + V3ØAA + W8BI + VE2 zone 2 C6ADV + 4V2C + JA + YV1TO + I4 + PJ2FR + AD1S-KH5

40m

5Z4CI + F + SV1RK + 4Z4KX + G + OK + PA + UK9 + UU1RK + YU + SP9CTT UK6 + FRØFLO + RW9A + LZ + VS6 + W + JA + 6W8DY + T77V + A92F + AD1S + ZK1CG + KX6

20m

FG7CB/FS + 5Z4GM + CTØFQU-A + TI1C + 9Y4WCY + 4V2C + HD5N + ZY5ZG UG6 + PY + KH6 + KV4 + GM + VK2LHI + BY1PK + XU1SS + AH8A + JT1AO HKØTU + HZ1AB + VP2VD + 3X4EX

15m

W8BI + VE2 zone 2 + XU1SS + VP9AD + TI1C + YJ8 + 4V2C + W + KL7 + VE

*10m

4S7EA + VE + W + VS5DO + JA + YV + AH8B + YJ8RG + V3ØAA + OA + TG9VT + A35 + JC + X5 + VP2AD

KEEP LISTENING.....73 ES GOOD DX. ALRIGHT

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34 Boys, Girls and Leaders recently took part in JOTA. Contacts were made into New Zealand, Japan, Papua-New Guinea, Russia, Groote Island, Victoria, NSW, Qld, wa and the NT.

QSL cards will be exchanged and many pen friends were made as well. It would be safe to say that a great time was had by all. Our station operated from mid-day on Saturday 15th Oct until 1 am Sunday morning, then again from 10.30 a.m. Sunday until 4.30 Sunday afternoon.

A very tired operator was happy to knock the cap off an 807 and put his feet up after that effort.

Interesting contacts were Dick, JA1-YSS (Boy Scouts Of Nippon; Dick also holds licences G3-OQF in England and HB9-ANW in Switzerland and he lives in Switzerland. Another was UA9YGB Mike, somewhere in Russia, who shot through when "Boy Scouts" were mentioned. Last heard was "please send QSL card and then ....silence. AX6-NPA in Pannawonica, a mining town with a population of 100. Bob Kennedy, the operator there, is a former resident of Stawell. It's very small world, by radio, isn't it??

I'll be there again next year. Cheers and 73s

Fred, in Stawell, VK3-PFF

P.S. First JOTA on HF for approx. 15 years.

PPS.:

Another rather interesting "happening" took place in Wagga-Wagga. My son VK2-NIB who was supposed to play cricket on Saturday, spent the afternoon rescuing Scouts caught in the floods. Michael used his 4-wheel drive to good effect and all were brought to safety, I'm happy to report.

THE ADVENTURES OF NORMAN B.GODDHAM. THE QRM VS. QRN INCIDENT

Last time,we heard of the difficulties poor Norm experienced in trying to teach his XYL about Amateur Radio.

Having given up teaching his wife,he retired to his modest shack to tune around the bands.So he turned on his "You Beaut, all whistles-and-bells" rig,switched in his multi-element, multi-band antenna and tuned up his 2kW linear,and started looking for activity.Fairly soon,he came across a dogpile trying to work a rare South Pacific island.So,Norm,realising that he hadn't worked that country,joined in the muddle.No sooner had he started, that his XYL started abusing him on the intercom,saying how he was interfering with her television.Norm took offence to the claim of it being hers,as he paid for it,but anyway,he was going to miss working the rare station if he didn't get on to it quickly,as it was about to close down.So,turning off the intercom,he continued repeating his call-sign over the air to try and work the rare one.

About this time,one of the neighbours rang his wife to complain about their television picture being interfered with.She promised to tell Norm,so she went out to his shack.Norm saw her come in,so he turned up the volume of his rig,and with the noise of the dogpile,she found it quite impossible to speak to him.

Frustrated at her attempts to tell Norm of the problems he was creating,she went back to the phone and told her neighbour the problem should soon be fixed.Around this time,the rare station closed down anyway,so poor Norm missed out working it and decided to go to bed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

It's been very hard for Max to adjust to his forced retirement,due to illness and I must admit to having had some reservations about how I would cope,having my husband home all day. well,thanks to A.R.in general and B.A.R.G. members in particular,we have adjusted very well. I never thought that I would have cause to to praise A.R.(and which DX-Widow hasn't cursed it on odd occasions?)but A.R.has saved THIS family's sanity,I'm sure. I remember vividly that tuesday last August 82,when Max went off to the AOCP exams.He was firmly convinced before he left the house that he wasn't prepared for the exams.After seeing the exam paper he KNEW that he wasn't prepared! Thankfully,he finished the paper and then retired to the pub to drown his sorrows.What a very drunk and disappointed man arrived home,well after 6PM,- and good ol' VK3NIA was just as bad!

He spent the next few weeks studying. Boy,did he do a lot and he learned a lot,too. Yes,you guessed it:After the results did arrive,- back to the pub to celebrate his "pass". Same story as above. -But it was worth it.

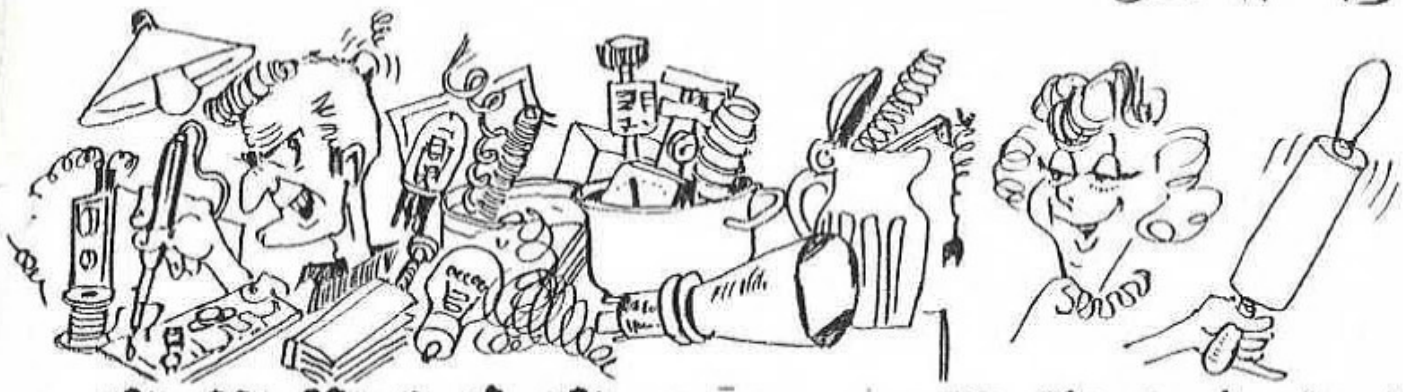
Lately,all I seem to hear about is the BARG"Ladies'Committee". As far as I know,there IS no Ladies' Committee,but a lot of ladies supporting their husbands in their chosen hobby.

Yours in A.R.
VK3YMW(2nd Op.) Yvonne

+ + + + + + COMING EVENTS + + + + + + + + + +

GET YOUR A.R.S. INTO GEAR ! ! !

NOVEMBER 21	LOCAL FOX HUNT
NOVEMBER 28	LOCAL FOX HUNT
NOVEMBER 25	CLUB MEETING
DECEMBER 11	FAMILY FUN DAY (whooppee!!)
DECEMBER 17-18	Mt.BECWORTH (?) DX
JAN.MEETING	ANTENNA MAINTENANCE
FEB.MEETING	JOHN MOYLE CONTEST AND CLUB AUCTION!!!!
MARCH MEETING	VISIT TO TAA (??)



HAM:YL-LIB?

Well,here it is.....the column that nobody's been waiting for.....Just the same,fellers,-HOVE OVER!! Because the ladies are moving in on your magazine.Mind you,we're only going to take up a very small space(at first),so please,- don't start blowing your respective fuses just yet.

I often wonder,just how many other ladies share the same problems as I am experiencing in our home??You see,my "VK" had the largest radio shack I've ever heard of(and I've seen quite a few).It consisted of the main bedroom,the lounge,the kitchen,laundry,the "official" radio shack and two assorted sheds besides.Things were going great,he thought.I had a very happy Amateur indeed,the sod even took his FT208R to bed with him,-and that was the absolute limit,I thought.

I felt that my"VK" went just a LITTLE too far that time and in the end we even had no longer a table to sit down to,to have our meals,would you believe?It was covered with diodes,solder flux,resistors,valves,insulators,soldering irons and lots of Very Important Components,as he pointed out with an air of hurt indignation. Well,after biting my tongue for what seemed like an eternity,-I have to point out that that this normally calm, easy-going and extremely tolerant YL blew all HER fuses.

WOW!!! What an explosion! It really felt good,I must say. Of course,my"VK" felt that my outbust was totally uncalled for and definitely NOT in the spirit of Amateur Radio.(he actually stands to attention when he mentiones THAT word). I'm sure that all the rest of you"VKs" will agree with him that he has, indeed,been hard done by,by a very unreasonable YL,- fancy being banished from bedroom,kitchen,lounge etc etc.How cruel and unfair of her to reduce his territory to"just" the radio shack and two sheds out back,-it almost brings tears to your eyes,doesn't it? Take heart,fellow"VKs",- whenit's cold and dank,the OM still takes over my kitchen table for hisPROJECTS, but,I'm pleased to announce,he's seen the error of his ways and returns all to the"Shack" afterwards,instead of junk (oops) components being left all over the place. I think,we've finally found a happy compromise.Ladies,take heart,-

IT CAN BE DONE,- just try it sometime yourself.

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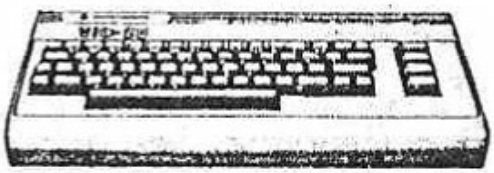

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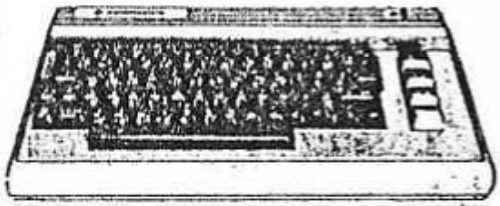

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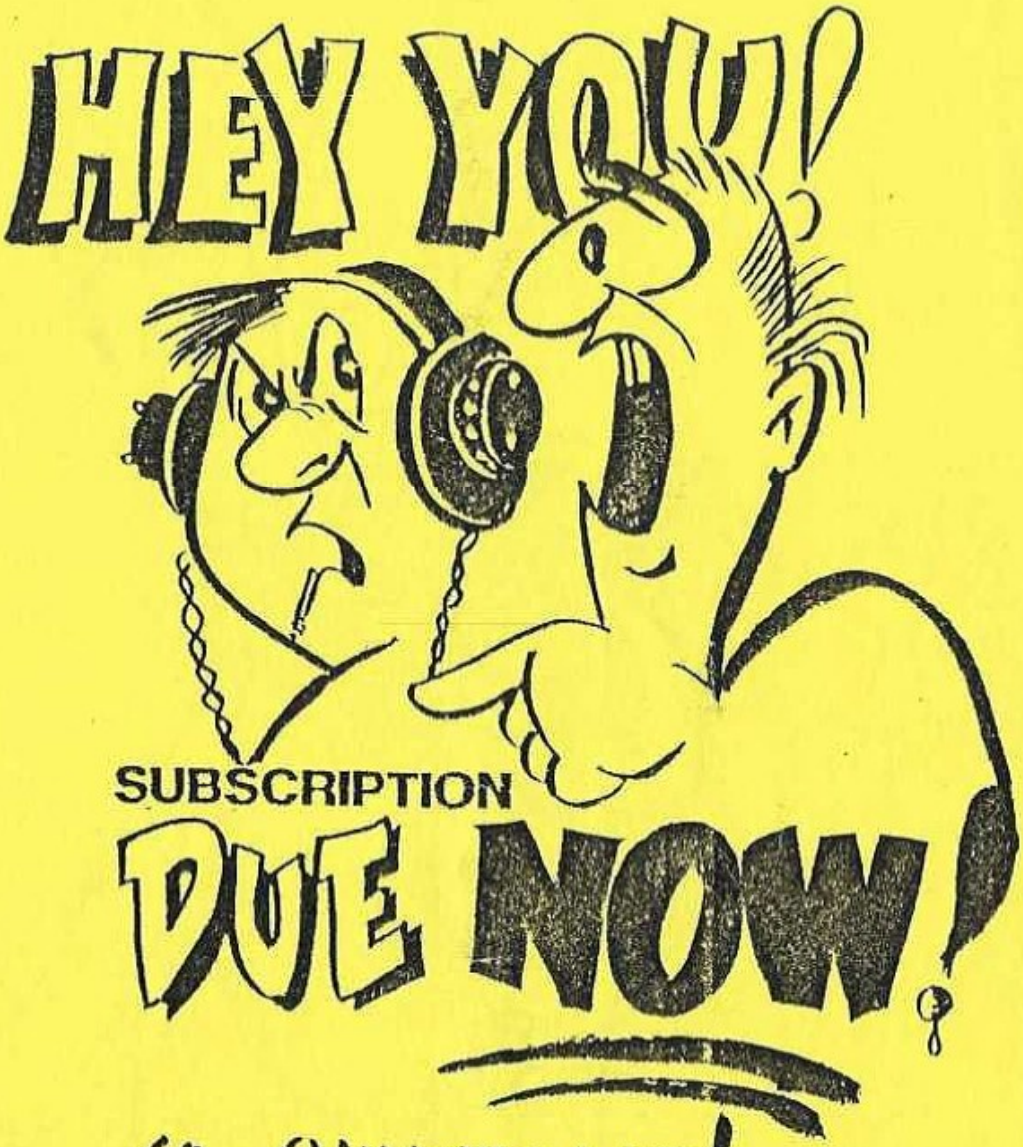

SO—SHMARTEN UP!
N' PAY UP!

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OR, IN OTHER WORDS,
(FOR THOSE WHO JUST COULDN'T MAKE IT):

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year